

DISLEY  
RURAL DISTRICT  
COUNCIL.  

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ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH  
AND  
SANITARY INSPECTOR  
FOR  
1949.



COUNCIL OFFICES,  
BUXTON ROAD,  
DISLEY.  
CHESHIRE.



HEALTH COMMITTEE.

Councillor Dr. A. N. Boyle (Chairman).  
" W. H. Hunt.  
" E. A. Rhodes.  
" J. A. Burgar.  
" A. R. Fox.

OFFICERS OF THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

Medical Officer of Health... Dr. C. G. K. Thompson, M.B.D.P.H.  
Sanitary Inspector. .. T. K. Duncan. A.R.S.I., M.S.I.A.  
(Appointed 1st July, 1949.)  
Abattoir Meat Inspector ... C. E. Hall, M.R.C.V.S.

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DISLEY RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Council Offices,  
Buxton Road,  
DISLEY.

The Chairman & Members of the  
Disley Rural District Council.

Mr. Chairman & Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present to you this Annual Report  
on behalf of Dr. G. K. Thompson.

I am, Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

T. W. BRINDLE,

Medical Officer of Health.



# SECTION A .

## STATISTICS & SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA.

Area in Acres. ....	2,208.
Population (Census 1931) ....	3,178.
Population 1948 (Registrar General's Estimate.)	3,030.
Number of Inhabited Houses , December 1949. ...	<del>1219</del>
Number of houses entered in Rate Book, during year	Nil.
Rateable Value (31st March <sup>1949</sup> <del>1950</del> .)	£25,497.
Product of Penny Rate (31st March <sup>1949</sup> <del>1950</del> ).	£99. 13. Id.

## PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS OF THE AREA.

The area is hilly in character with a wealth of pleasantly wooded slopes rising from a level of 400 ft, at the River Goyt, to the highest point of 1,018 ft, above mean sea level. On the north-west boundary the residential area of Jackson's Edge follows roughly the line of the 700 ft. contour.

Through the centre of the area runs the trunk road to Stockport on the west, and Buxton on the east. Development has always tended to follow this road and along its length most of the building has at various times taken place.

The area is residential in character, the majority of the residents working in Manchester, and the larger towns; it could, in effect, be termed a dormitory for the larger towns.

Agriculture forms the basic industry, the nature of the countryside lending itself to dairy farming. Many of the local inhabitants are employed at a large paper mill situated in the valley beside the Goyt.

## VITAL STATISTICS OF THE YEAR.

### 1. Births.

<u>(a) Live Births.</u>	<u>Total.</u>	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>
Legitimate.	37.	21.	16.
Illegitimate.	Nil.	-	-

### (b) Still Births.

Legitimate	Nil.	-	-
Illegitimate.	Nil.	-	-

Rate per 1,000 population (live Births) = 12.2.  
" " " " (still births) = 0.  
" " " " (live & still births) = 12.2

### 2. Deaths.

	<u>Total.</u>	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>
All causes.	40.	21	19
Puerperal.	0.	0.	0
Infants under 1 year.	2.	1	1

Death rate per 1000 population, = 13.2  
" " " 1000 live Births, = 54.05

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SECTION A (CONTD.)  
Classification of Deaths.

<u>No.</u>	<u>Cause of Death.</u>	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
1.	Typhoid & Paratyphoid Fever.	0	0	0
2.	Cerebrospinal Fever.	0	0	0
3.	Scarlet Fever.	0	0	0
4.	Portussis	0	0	0
5.	Diphtheria.	0	0	0
6.	Tuberculosis of Respiratory System.	0	0	0
7.	Other forms of Tuberculosis.	0	0	0
8.	Syphilitic Diseases.	0	0	0
9.	Influenza	0	0	0
10.	Measles.	0	0	0
11.	Acute Poliomyelitis & Polioencephalitis.	0	0	0
12.	Acute Infectious Encephalitis.	0	0	0
13.	Cancer of (a) Buccal Cavity (M) (b) Uterus (F)	0	0	0
14.	Cancer of Stomach & Duodenum.	1	0	1
15.	Cancer of Breast.	0	2	2
16.	Cancer of all other Sites.	3	3	6
17.	Diabetes.	0	0	0
18.	Inter-cranial vascular lesions.	3	3	6
19.	Heart Diseases.	6	8	14
20.	Other Diseases of Circulatory System.	0	0	0
21.	Bronchitis.	2	1	3
22.	Pneumonia.	1	-	1
23.	Other Respiratory Diseases.	0	0	0
24.	Ulceration of Stomach & Duodenum.	0	0	0
25.	Diarrhoea (under 2)	0	0	0
26.	Appendicitis.	0	0	0
27.	Other Digestive Diseases.	0	0	0
28.	Nephritis.	2	0	2
29.	Puerperal and Post-Abortive Sepsis.	0	0	0
30.	Other Maternal Causes.	0	0	0
31.	Premature Birth.	0	0	0
32.	Congenital Malformation, Birth Injury, Infantile Diseases.	0	1	1
33.	Suicide.	0	0	0
34.	Road Traffic Accidents.	0	0	0
35.	Other Violent Causes.	0	0	0
36.	All other causes.	3	0	3
<u>ALL CAUSES.</u>		<u>21.</u>	<u>19.</u>	<u>40.</u>







## SECTION B.

### General Provision of Health Services in the Area.

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#### Laboratory Facilities.

Bacteriological examinations are carried out at the Public Health Laboratory, Monsall Hospital, Newton Heath, Manchester.

#### Ambulance Facilities.

The provision of an ambulance and sitting-case car service is now the responsibility of the Cheshire County Council and is administered by the North-East Cheshire Divisional Health Committee.

#### Home Nursing, Health Visiting.

These services are provided by the Cheshire County Council.

#### Infant Welfare.

Provided by the Cheshire County Council.

#### Immunisation.

#### Home Help Service.

} Provided by the Cheshire County Council through the N/East  
Cheshire Divisional Health Committee.

#### Hospitals.

There are no hospitals in the area, but the Stockport & Buxton hospital Management Committee provide facilities for residents from this area in neighbouring districts.

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## SECTION C.

### Sanitary Circumstances of the Area.

#### 1. Water.

The majority of the houses in the area are supplied with water from the mains of the Stockport Corporation. Some farms and several isolated houses are still without a piped supply. They rely mostly for their supply on natural wells and springs, few actually having their own boreholes. The cost of laying mains to some of these isolated premises would be very high and this has acted as a deterrent; in other cases the physical characteristics of the land itself make it an almost impossible task.

The supply of water is of exceptional quality and is subject to frequent bacteriological and chemical analysis by the Stockport Corporation.

#### 2. Drainage and Sewerage.

The major portion of the premises in the area are connected to the Council's sewers. Properties which are not are usually in such isolated positions that it is impracticable to connect them to the sewers. The two sewage disposal works owned by the Council have performed their functions satisfactorily during the year. Difficulty was experienced in the disposal of the sludge, but this has now been overcome. A farmer in the area now utilises it after drying for his land. There have been no new works of sewerage or sewage disposal undertaken during the year.

##### (a) Rivers and Streams.

The River Goyt forms the Northern Boundary of the District and the effluents from the larger sewage works at Waterside discharge into it. Sampling of the effluent by the Catchment Board frequently takes place. These prove satisfactory.

##### (b) Closet Accommodation.

Water Closets. ...	...	...	953.
Slop Water Closets	...	...	1.
Privies. ...	...	...	17.
Pail Closets. ...	...	...	35.
Dry Ashpits. ...	...	...	14.
Ashbins ...	...	...	974.



SECTION E (Cont'd)  
Inspection and Supervision of Food.

(c) Public Cleansing.

The direct labour refuse service instituted by the Council has continued to function satisfactorily. Refuse, salvage and the contents of the pail closets have been regularly collected by it. The contents of the pail closets are tipped into the specially designed tank which can be fitted to the vehicle. Discharge of the contents takes place by tipping into the Council's sewer.

Household refuse is disposed of by controlled tipping on the Council's Greenshall Tip. After discharge the refuse is covered by a 6" layer of ashes, which is constantly raked and spread over it. The face of the tip is also dressed with ashes and constantly raked and levelled.

(d) Rodent Control.

A full time rodent operative is shared by Disley and two neighbouring authorities.

The Council's sewers were treated for rat infestation during the year. Infestation at both treatment periods found to be slight.

The sewage works and refuse tip were inspected regularly and treated when necessary.

48 infestations in private property were successfully dealt with.

3. Sanitary Inspection of the Area.

(a) Number of Inspections made:-

Houses, Public Health Acts.	32.
" Housing Acts.	16
Complaints Investigated.	15.
Restaurant Kitchens.	4.
Factories.	12.
Work Places.	2.
Infectious Disease - visits in connection with.	10.
Rats & Mice Act.	98.
Tents, Vans, Sheds.	4.
Shop Acts.	10.
Re-visits to property under Notice.	62.
Bakehouses.	3.
Fried Fish Shops.	6.
Butchers Shops.	10.
Other Food Shops.	8.
Ice Cream Premises.	20.
Dairies, Cow Sheds and Milk Shops.	36.
Tinned Food and other articles of Food.	10.
Houses Disinfected.	-
Houses Disinfested.	-
Miscellaneous.	50.
	<u>408</u>

(b) Number of Notices.

<u>Informal.</u>	<u>Served.</u>	<u>Complied With.</u>
Public Health Acts.	32	26
Housing Acts.	8	8
Milk and Dairies Orders.	-	-
Factories Act. 1937.	2	2
Food and Drugs Act.	1	1

Statutory.

No statutory notices were served.





Number of Notices (Continued.)

4. Camping Sites.

There is one permanent camp in the area. This provides accommodation for people of both sexes between the ages of 12 and 18 year. Supervised by a voluntary committee and managed by a resident caretaker the camp has been well managed.

5. Smoke abatement.

No smoke observations have had to be made during the year.

6. Schools.

The area is served by one elementary school and one small private school. Water supply and closet accommodation in both cases are satisfactory.

7. Eradication of Bed Bugs.

No cases of bed bug infestation was discovered during the year; and no complaints were received.

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SECTION "D" - HOUSING.

Existing Housing.

The houses in the area surveyed under the Rural Housing Survey remain as follows:-

Class A. House fit for habitation or requiring interior repairs	479
Class B. Houses fit for habitation but requiring repair.	63
Class C. Houses requiring reconditioning or reconstruction	104
Class D. Houses recommended for demolition.	47.
Total.	<u>693.</u>

New Housing.

No new houses were erected by the Council during the year.

SECTION E - INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

Milk Supply.

The area is on the edge of the great Cheshire Plain, and the farms are generally of small acreage - probably 120 acres being the largest in the area. Fertility varies very considerably from farm to farm, and owing to the hilly nature of the district fields are small.

On the Register there are 20 Cowkeepers, the majority of whom dispose of either the whole or part of their Milk by retail. Sixteen are undesignated producers and four have obtained accredited standard.

Thirty-eight inspections to farms and their dairies were carried out during the year. Improvements in methods of milking and equipment have been secured, the results of the work are manifest in the gradual but continued improvement in the quality of the samples.

Milk Sampling.

	<u>Total.</u>	<u>Positive.</u>	<u>Negative.</u>
(a) T.B.	11	-	11
		<u>Failed.</u>	<u>Passed.</u>
(b) Bacteriolog. Count and Coloform Bacc.	51	20	31
(c) Methylene Blue Reduction Test.	59	25	34
(d) Phosphatase Test.	2	-	2

Milk (Special Designations) Orders 1936, 1938 and 1946.

5 Dealer's Licences to use the designation Tuberculin Tested (Pasteurised) and 2 Supplementary Licences to retail Tuberculin Tested Milk were issued during the year.



SECTION E - INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD  
(Continued.)

Meat Inspection.

The area is served by the Ministry of Food Centralised Slaughterhouse, at New Mills. Inspection is carried out there by the Council's Meat Inspector and only meat which has been passed by him is delivered to the three Butcher's Shops in the area.

Other Food Premises.

	<u>Number.</u>	<u>Inspections.</u>	<u>Notices.</u>
Fried Fish Shops.	2	6	
Restaurants & Cafes.	7	4	
Ice Cream Premises.	5	20	
Butchers and Preserved Food Manufacturers.	6	10	
Wet Fish Shops.	2	2	
Bakers & Bakehouses.	2	3	
Grocers and other food shops.	11	16	

Slaughter of Animals Act, 1933.

There have been no new applications under the above Act during the year. The three licenced slaughtermen on the register made application for the renewal of their licences and this was granted.

Factories Act, 1937.

<u>Premises.</u>	<u>Number on Register.</u>	<u>Inspections.</u>	<u>Number of written notices.</u>	<u>Occupiers Prosecuted.</u>
(1) Factories in which Sect. 1,2,3,4 and 6 are enforced by Local Authorities.	4	4	2	-
(ii) Factories not incl. in (1) to which section 7 applies.	8	8		
(iii) Other Premises under the Act (excluding out-workers premises.)	1	1		
	<u>13</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>-</u>

Details of Defects:-

	<u>Found.</u>	<u>Remedied.</u>
Sanitary conveniences found unsuitable or defective	2	2

SECTION F.

PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

(a) General.

Number of cases of Infectious Diseases Notified during year:-

Scarlet Fever.	...	...	...	10.
Whooping Cough	...	...	...	9.
Measles.	...	...	...	21.
Acute Pneumonia.	..	...	...	2
Acute Poliomyelitis.	...	...	...	-





SECTION F. (Continued)  
PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

(b) Analysis of Cases of Infectious Disease in age Groups:-

AGE	Under 1 yr.	1 - 3.	3 - 5.	5 - 10.	10 - 15.	15 - 25.	25 - 45.	45 - 65.	65 over.	Total	Rate per 1000	England & Wales.
Scarlet Fever.	-	1	-	7	-	1	1	-	-	10	3.30	1.63
Whooping Cough.	-	1	-	7	1	-	-	-	-	9	2.97	2.39
Measles.	-	1	7	10	-	-	-	1	-	21	6.93	8.95
Diphtheria.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.04
Acute Pneumonia.	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	2	0.69	0.80
Acute Poliomyelitis.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.13
TOTALS.		5.	7	24.	1	1	2	2	-	42	-	-

(c) Tuberculosis.

Cases on Register:-

Cases on Register, 31.12.'48.

Cases notified in 1949.

Cases still on Register,  
at 31st Dec. 1949.

Pulmonary.		Non-Pulmonary.		TOTAL.
Male	Female.	Male.	Female.	
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No cases were removed or restored to the Register.

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